

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2004-282-C – ORDER NO. 2005-6  
JANUARY 10, 2005

IN RE:	Joint Application of Startec Global Licensing	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Company and Teligent Services, Inc. for	)	TRANSFER
	Approval of a Transfer of Teligent Services,	)	
	Inc.'s Commercial Long Distance Customer	)	
	Base Accounts to Startec Global Licensing	)	
	Company.	)	

**I.     INTRODUCTION**

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint petition of Startec Global Licensing Company (Startec) and Teligent Services, Inc. (Teligent)(together, the joint petitioners) requesting approval of a transaction whereby Teligent will transfer to Startec its commercial long distance customer base and associated customer account information. Both companies are authorized to provide intrastate interexchange services within the State of South Carolina. This transfer of assets will not involve a transfer to Startec of Teligent's South Carolina Certificate.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, the joint petitioners were instructed to publish a Notice of Filing within their service territories. The joint petitioners furnished proof of publication. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Subsequently, the joint petitioners filed a Motion to Expedite Review,

plus the verified testimony of Jeffrey Poersch, Startec's General Counsel. We grant the Motion to Expedite Review. In lieu of the oral hearing, we will make our findings based on the prefiled verified testimony of Mr. Poersch.

With regard to the proposed transaction, Poersch testified that Startec has determined that the acquisition of Teligent's long distance customer base will enable Startec to expand its operations in a cost-efficient manner, thereby enhancing its competitive position and ability to provide integrated telecommunications services to customers in South Carolina as well as other states. To that end, Startec and Teligent have entered into an agreement whereby Startec will acquire Teligent's South Carolina long distance customers, including associated customer account information.

Poersch noted that the proposed transaction does not involve the transfer of network facilities or telecommunications equipment in South Carolina, nor does it involve a transfer to Startec of Teligent's South Carolina Certificate. Following the consummation of the transaction, Startec will provide services to the former long distance customers of Teligent pursuant to Startec's own Certificate. The proposed asset transfer will be virtually transparent to Teligent's South Carolina customers in terms of the rates and terms and conditions of service that these customers currently receive.

According to the witness, the transfer is in the public interest, and the customers of Teligent have been notified of the proposed transfer.

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The proposed transaction involves the transfer to Startec of Teligent's South Carolina commercial long distance customer base and associated customer account information.
2. Both Startec and Teligent possess Certificates from this Commission to provide intrastate interexchange services within the State of South Carolina.
3. The transfer will not involve Teligent's certificate.
4. With the acquisition of Teligent's long distance customer base, Startec will be able to enhance its competitive position and ability to provide integrated telecommunications services to customers in South Carolina as well as other states.
5. The agreement does not involve the transfer of network facilities or telecommunications equipment in South Carolina.
6. The transfer will be transparent to Teligent's customers in terms of the rates and terms and conditions of service that these customers currently receive.
7. The proposed transfer should be approved, as it is in the public interest.

## **III. ORDER**

1. The transfer to Startec of Teligent's South Carolina commercial long distance customer base and associated customer account information is hereby approved as filed.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/  
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/  
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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